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MEMORANDUM FOR:

SUBJECT:

Community's Reporting on the Cyprus Crisis

- There is merit in both of the papers presented.
- 2. As I have already stated, we need not get involved in a formal post mortem of the Cyprus crisis.
- 3. However, we will--because the DCI has so directed--involve ourselves in an examination of the way this crisis was handled, that is, by telephone, and analyze the ramifications of that modus operandi on the intelligence business.
- 4. Leavitt is right. The problem here is that the pundits of the business make a declaration of probability, usually covering all possibilities, and little attention is given to the problem of rises and falls in the temperature of the situation on a continuing basis. What is needed is to take the DIA art form CSAR which looks at all possible crisis areas and take a periodic look at developments. This should be the standard poutput from a reconstituted watch mechanism or an NOIAN. I would like to see a little more order in the development of those nets with a little more speed; and I think a review of the Cyprus situation (a brief one) added to "lessons learned" in the last crisis or so might add a little fuel to the fire to CONTEXT and NOIAN.

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